

House Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 5798

(Young)

The bill (substitute -1) would amend Public Act 3 of 1939, the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to prescribe procedures by which the PSC could incorporate a steam supply cost recovery clause in the steam rates or rate schedule of a utility. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Require a utility to file an annual steam supply cost recovery plan that included the utility's evaluation of the reasonableness and prudence of its decisions to provide steam supply.
- Require a utility, in conjunction with a recovery plan, to file a three-year forecast of the steam supply requirement of its customers, its anticipated sources of supply, and projections of steam supply costs.
- Require the PSC to conduct a steam supply and cost review to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of a utility's recovery plan and establish steam supply cost recovery factors to implement a cost recovery clause.
- Provide for the revision of a cost recovery plan and a reopening of a supply and cost review during the recovery period.
- Require the PSC to conduct a steam supply cost reconciliation proceeding at least once a year.
- Require the PSC to require a utility to refund or credit to customers, or authorize a utility to recover from customers, as applicable, the difference between the amount collected under the cost recovery factors and the utility's actual costs of steam supply.
- Require the PSC to establish an interest rate to be applied to any refunds, credits, or additional charges.
- Require the PSC to file with the Governor and Legislature every five years a report that included recommendations for legislation.

- The House concurred in the Senate amendments [RC 369: 104 yes, 0 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5969

(Mayes)

Weapons; licensing; definition of resident for registration requirements; clarify, and create exception for certain licensure provisions under certain circumstances.

- Mayes substitute H-2 was adopted
- HB 5969 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5969 was passed [RC 370: 102 yes, 4 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5965

(McDowell)

House Bill 5965 would amend Public Act 21 of 1950 (Extra Session), the Mackinac Bridge Authority's original authorizing legislation, by amending the Act's title and by adding a new section, Section 1a. Section 1a would authorize the Mackinac Bridge Authority to enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide for the self-insurance of bridge assets and activities.

- HB 5965 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5965 was passed [RC 371: 105 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

THIRD READING

HB 5829

(Johnson)

As a package [**HB 5829 to HB 5031, and HB 6015**], the legislation would close loopholes that treat "pipeline offenders" differently from others convicted for controlled substances violations, apply current penalties to attempting to commit a violation, allow life probation for low-level drug offenses to continue for persons convicted prior to 2002 revisions, and repeal a provision in the health code mandating enhanced penalties for certain controlled substances violations.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Johnson-2 was adopted
- HB 5829 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 5830

(Meadows)

- R. Jones-1 adopted
- HB 5830 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 5831

(Rick Jones)

- Meadows-1 adopted
- HB 5831 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 6015

(Stakoe)

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Sak-2 was not adopted
- HB 6015 advanced to 3rd Reading